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“Invisible Voices” DVD to Premiere at 2010 National ADA Symposium

Denver, CO -- “Invisible Voices,” a dramatic DVD featuring six Coloradans living with various disabilities, will premiere Monday, June 21, in conjunction with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Symposium. The event will be held at the Denver Hyatt Regency at 7 pm. No tickets are required.

Co-written by award-winning playwright Ping Chong, “Invisible Voices” is part of Chong’s *Undesirable Elements* series (www.undesirableelements.org). Each of the more than 40 plays in this series is created in a host community; each examines the lives of persons displaced from one culture to another, either by choice or circumstance. “Invisible Voices” was originally produced at THEATREWORKS in Colorado Springs in October, 2009, and features the stories of Coloradans Billy Allen, Sandy Lahmann, Rick Modderman, Rebecca Shields, Kevin Pettit and Kelly Tobin.

The production was the brain child of Meeting the Challenge, a Colorado Springs consulting firm that provides information, products and services to individuals with disabilities and businesses seeking to comply with federal disability law.

Randy Dipner, one of the organization’s founding partners, was seeking new ways to teach the general population about the realities of living in America with a disability today. “I believe the arts provide an opportunity that you don’t get in some other ways.” Dipner says. Dipner’s vision dove-tailed with Ping Chong’s, and a productive partnership was founded.

The professionally produced DVD captures one of the original stage performances, and includes behind-the-scenes interviews with cast, crew, and supporters of the production. Also included with the “Invisible Voices” DVD is a bonus DVD, “Reflections on a Promise,” detailing the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 2-DVD set will be available at the ADA Symposium at a discounted price of \$24.95. For more information, please see invisiblevoices.org.